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THE NAPLES ZOOLOGICAL STATION

ON a recent visit to Naples the writer discussed with Professor Filippo Bottazzi details of the war management of the Naples Zoological Station and its proposed future disposition—a subject that will be of interest to the readers of SCIENCE.

In the train of events following May, 1815, R. Dohrn, director of the station, and all the German personnel, departed. The zoological station was taken over by the Italian government. The management was placed under the administration of a special commission composed of Professor F. S. Monticelli, of the University of Naples; Professor L. De Marchi, of the University of Padua, and Comm. G. Biraghi, department chief of the Ministry of Education. Professor Monticelli was made president of the commission. This commission then appointed Professor U. Pierantoni, of the University of Naples, director of the zoological section of the station; Professor F. Bottazzi, of the University of Naples, director of the physiological section, and some other assistants.

By a decree May 26, 1918, the commission placed the station under the auspices of the Ministry of Education as an autonomous institution; and by another decree, June 9, 1918, the statute compiled by the commission itself was approved and now governs the administrative management of the station.

The part of the statute which concerns the scientific management of the station has aroused objections from those interested in the physiology and physiological chemistry sections, as there was a feeling that in time these two sections would be overshadowed. Without going into the details of the discussion of this portion of the statute, for the formation of which the president of the commission seems to have been solely responsible, it suffices to